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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 13, 2005

To: The Governing Board Members

From: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item XIII: Discussion and possible action regarding Riverside County-Orange County Corridor Major Investment Study, including appointing a

member to attend meetings.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board discuss this item and that the Governing Board designate a Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) representative to attend meetings.

<u>Background:</u> This item was discussed at the January 12, 2005 WCCA meeting, and WCCA adopted a resolution opposing any new road through Chino Hills State Park to connect Riverside County and Orange County. See attached staff report.

As an update, at WCCA's request, WCCA has been added to the email list for the meetings of the Project Development Team (PDT). The next PDT meeting will be on August 3, 2005, at 10 a.m. at Corona Public Library. WCCA may want to designate a representative to attend the meetings. This representative can be a Board member, an Advisory Committee member, or some other designated individual.

Options of a road through or near Coal Canyon in Chino Hills State Park are still being discussed. State Parks is concerned regarding direct and indirect effects to Chino Hills State Park associated with this alternative (the Prado Expressway). State Parks has written numerous letters during this process. A recent letter is attached.